



# St Andrew's Church of England

## Junior School

### St Andrew's Signpost

Issue 7

Week Commencing 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024



#### Notes for the week: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

##### Monday

Swimming Year 6 (from 16<sup>th</sup> Sep)

PE Dandelion Class 3P

PE Wren Class 3N

PE Magpie Class 4M

PE Acorn Class 3GD

##### Tuesday

PE Bramble Class 5L

PE Willow Class 5D

PE Kingfisher Class 4B

PE Weasels Class 4S

##### Wednesday

PE Kingfisher Class 4B

PE Magpie Class 4M

PE Raven Class 5K

PE Heron Class 6 GK

PE Otter Class 6H

##### Thursday

PE Wren Class 3N

PE Willow Class 5D

PE Bramble Class 5L

PE Raven Class 5K

##### Friday

PE Weasel Class 4S

PE Dandelion Class 3P

PE Acorn Class 3GD

PE Newt Class 6G

#### Headteacher Information

As we approach the end of this half term and I take a moment to reflect, I am really impressed with how well the children have settled into the new school year. It has been a busy and exciting half term, and the children have thrown themselves into their new classes with enthusiasm. I'm particularly pleased to see how well our new Year 3 students have settled in.

Don't forget that we now have a two-week break for half term. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable time, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November!

#### PE

We've had a fantastic half term packed with PE lessons and exciting football tournaments! Two weeks ago, our Year 5/6 mixed football teams performed admirably in the ESFA football qualifiers. Although they didn't advance to the next round, we're proud of their hard work and sportsmanship.

Next week, students from all year groups will participate in the cross-country meet at Brymore. If your child is taking part, please check in with Miss Sylvester at the event to collect a sticker with your child's name and school information; this helps the organisers record placements at the end of each race.

#### Important Reminders:

Arrival: Please arrive early to allow plenty of time before the races start.

Transport: Carpooling is encouraged to help ease parking congestion.

Spectators: Families are welcome to come and cheer on our runners! The more support, the better!


If your child is unable to attend, kindly inform Miss Sylvester by emailing her at [weasel@standrewsjuniors.co.uk](mailto:weasel@standrewsjuniors.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support!

#### SASA and Fundraising

My name is Katie or as your children know me Mrs Haines. I've recently been appointed Chair of the SASA group at St Andrews, which I am very excited about and I wanted to take some time to share some info about myself. I'm a mum of three and all three have attended or are still within St Andrews. I've worked at the school since 2021 as a Learning Support Assistant which I truly love, and I currently support children within yr4. I love to be creative, being outdoors, art and reading. I am really excited about this role and hope that with the support from yourselves we are able to ensure the children have the opportunity to enjoy different events within the school year that can help fund future trips, fun days, and provide vital equipment

	<p>throughout the school that can help enrich the learning of all the children at St Andrews.</p> <p>Following the success of the Christmas Fair last year, we are pleased to announce that we will be having a Fair on Monday 16th December. Further information will follow after half term. If there are any ideas or support that you can offer please don't hesitate to contact myself.</p> <p>Thankyou Mrs Haines (Katie) KatieHaines@standrewsjuniors.co.uk</p>
<p><b>Macmillan Cake sale</b></p>	<p>On Thursday, we ended the day on a sweet note with our Macmillan Cake Sale. Thank you so much for all the amazing donations of cakes – they looked absolutely delicious! We managed to raise £100, which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Research.</p>
<p><b>Year 5 Girls Football</b></p>	<p>What an amazing day for our girls' football team at the tournament at Bridgwater College today! The girls showed fantastic teamwork and skill, conceding only one goal throughout all their matches. Though they narrowly missed out on a spot in the semi-finals, every player gave their all, and we couldn't be prouder! Look out for more games in the near future!</p> 
<p><b>Highbridge Festival</b></p>	<p>Some children in Years 5 and 6 have brought home a letter expressing an interest in taking part in the Performance Poetry category at the Highbridge Festival.</p> <p>The letter is not itself a commitment but its return will be counted as such. Although not until March, we have to enter the children before the end of November. Therefore, if your child would like to take part, please return the letter by Wednesday 6th November.</p>
<p><b>Bags to School</b></p>	<p>We have arranged for a collection on ?????? with the fundraisers, Bag 2 School. They will visit to collect unused items of clothing from ourselves, which shall be distributed worldwide to those in need. In return, the items will be weighed upon collection and funds provided to us for this - the more items we receive, the higher the donation received for our school.</p> <p>If you wish to donate any items, please bring them in suitable bags such as bin liners to the main office, where they will be stored until the next collection date.</p> <p>For further information regarding the fundraisers and items which are accepted, please visit their website: <a href="https://bag2school.com/">https://bag2school.com/</a></p>

<p><b>Year 6 Camp Information</b></p>	<p>Thank you to all the parents who braved the weather to attend the Year 6 camp meeting. It was a great opportunity to share what the camp involves and showcase the exciting activities your children will be able to take part in.</p> <p>After half term, we will hold a similar meeting with the children before asking for the deposit near the end of November. The camp will take place from 14th to 16th July and will cost £260. A letter with more details on how to book and make payments will be sent out after half term.</p>
<p><b>Uniform Reminder</b></p>	<p>This is a reminder that Crocs should not be worn to school. While we understand that they can be convenient, especially in warmer weather, they do not provide the support or protection required for the children's activities throughout the day. For safety reasons, we ask that children wear suitable shoes that are secure, comfortable, and appropriate for both indoor and outdoor play. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and practical environment for all children .</p>
<p><b>Harvest Donations</b></p>	<p>A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival. The Burnham Food Bank was blown away by the generosity of our families. In total, we donated an incredible 163 kg of food. As a guideline, food banks estimate that 1 kg of food provides around 2 meals, so our donation could equate to approximately 326 meals for those in need. What a wonderful achievement – thank you!</p>
<p><b>RSPCA Workshop</b></p>	<p>On Thursday, the year 6 children took part in RSPCA workshops where they learned about the important work the RSPCA does and how to care for animals. They discussed how to be mindful of animals during bonfire season and even made conker comets! The RSPCA visitors had a fantastic day at St. Andrew's and were very impressed with the behaviour, respect, and maturity shown by the children.</p> 
<p><b>Transition to New School Email Addresses</b></p>	<p>As part of our transition to join The Priory Learning Trust in January 2025, we will be updating our email addresses to align with the Trust. This change will affect our office email address. While our old mailbox will remain active for the next three months, from 4th November, the new school email address will be <a href="mailto:office@sajs.theplt.org.uk">office@sajs.theplt.org.uk</a></p> <p>Thank you for your understanding during this transition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.</p>
<p><b>Parents Evening</b></p>	<p>Just a reminder that our Autumn Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November. Information on how to book your appointment will be sent out during the first week back after half term. Each appointment will be 10 minutes long, and we kindly ask that the time is adhered to, ensuring that all parents are seen at their allotted time. If you would like to discuss anything further after the meeting, please remember that your child's class teacher will be happy to arrange a follow-up appointment.</p>

The Parents' Evenings will take place in the school hall. Please enter through the side gate at the Dunstan Road entrance, which leads onto the small playground. Once there, follow through the Year 3 double doors, with Yr3-4 parents heading to Magpie Class and Yr5-6 parents to Heron Class. You will be called through at your allocated time.

**Do you have any Lego sets Donations**

At St. Andrew's we run Building Block Therapy to support children's Communication and Language needs. We are seeking several Lego sets in order to be able to successfully support children in this intervention.



If you have any complete Lego sets that you don't want or need anymore, please do consider giving them to school to support children taking part in this intervention.

**Applying for secondary school**

**\*\*Reminder\*\***  
If you haven't done so already, the window for applying for secondary places for the current Year 6 children is now open. For secondary school places, applications can be made from 11th September and must be submitted by 31st October 2024. This applies to all children moving from primary to secondary school, or middle to upper school, in September 2024. Click on this link to access the [Apply Online](#)

**Get into Teaching – The Priory Learning Trust**

The Priory Learning Trust  
Are you interested in training to teach in the Weston super Mare and Burnham-on-Sea area?  
We offer school-based teacher training in primary, and all secondary subjects in our great local schools.  
Please get in touch for further information:  
[gregg.morrison@theplt.org.uk](mailto:gregg.morrison@theplt.org.uk)

**Weekly Value Award**

This award is given by the Senior Leadership Team and the office staff for a child who has demonstrated one or more of the

school values during the week.

This week's winner is:  
**Oscar Whiting**



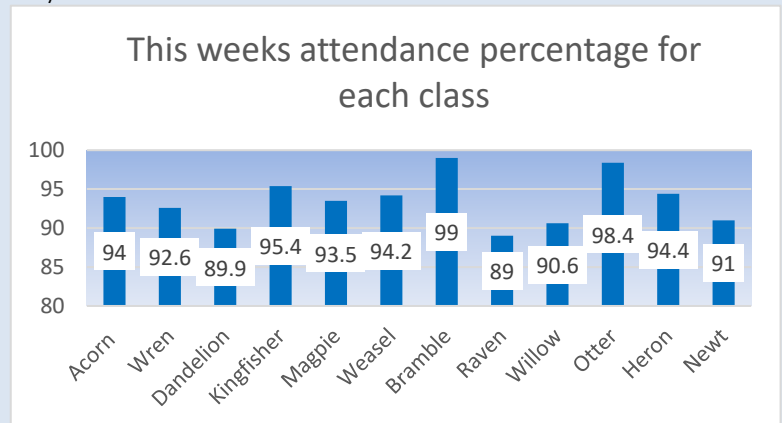
### Celebration and Praise

There was no celebration assembly this week as we had a Staff Training Day on Friday.

### Promoting Attendance at St. Andrew's School

Current Attendance Overview:

To keep you informed, we have included a chart below, displaying our overall attendance percentage and a breakdown by class. This transparency allows us to collectively work towards our attendance target and celebrate our successes along the way.



### Lateness

An increase in lateness this week. We will be writing to those families who are regularly late. We want to give your child the best start and as you can see below, being late can impact on your child.

House	Nos of Lates	Nos of Lates
	W/C 14/10/24	W/C 07/10/24
Blackwell	5	8
Foley	13	4
Macmillan	3	9
Reed	11	5
Total	32	26

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss in learning time:

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

### Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Wayne Higgins and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Tamsin Thomson, Chrissie Collett. Our safeguarding governor is Sarah Taylor

Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL;  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

<https://getsetsomerset.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

If you have concerns about your child at home or school, see the office to book an appointment. Alternatively, if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, by email at [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk) or the police. You can contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken. In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999. If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours please phone the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 123 23 27.

### Change of Numbers and email addresses

**\*\*Important\*\***

If you have changed your telephone number or email address can you please let the school office know so that we can update our records. We need to have at least 3 contact numbers for your children in the event that we are unable to reach the main contacts.

### Online safety

BitLife Simulator is a free role-playing game developed by Candywriter LLC, available on Google Play and on the Apple App Store. In BitLife, a player can control one or more characters from infancy to old age. Throughout the game, the player will need to manage four statistics: happiness, health, smarts, and looks. Characteristics of the player's background, such as national origin, gender, race, family background and wealth are randomly generated. As the player character grows up, they will have the opportunity to make life choices, such as going to university, finding a job, moving to a new country or having a family. While there is no upfront cost to play, there is a multitude of in-game purchases and in-game ads. There is a sizeable BitLife following on YouTube and TikTok.

[BitLife Information for Parents](#)

### SEND Newsletter

This week's SEND weekly newsletter is now available – please click on the link below or the following [SEND News](#) to read the latest stories.

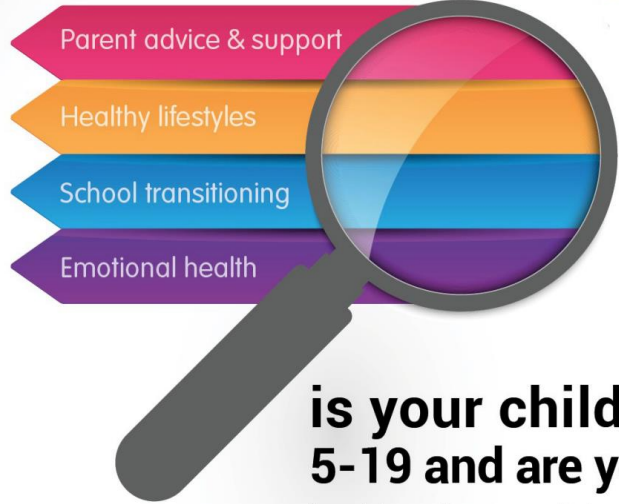
Please click on the link below to find out more about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Somerset.

[Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\)](#)

For your  
Information



ChatHealth



**is your child  
5-19 and are you**  
looking for confidential  
help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact  
your School Nursing Team

Just send a text

**07480 635 515**



Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

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## DONATION POINTS FOR



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### Highbridge:

The King Alfred School

Churchfield School

St John's Church

Highbridge Caravans

Sopha

\*Schools may have their own targeted donation events but are happy to accept public donations anytime within this period\*

### Burnham:

Burnham Infant School

St Joseph's School

St Andrew's School

Burnham Library

Burnham Swim and Sports Academy

Mammoth Comfort Centre (9-11 High St)

Scotts Furnishings

### Thank you to them all for their support!

Online donations to help with purchase of wrapping paper, shortage gift items etc. may be made via our 'Give a little' campaign page:

<https://givealittle.co/c/christmassparkle>



SOMERSET'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

TEAM ARE HOSTING A SERIES OF



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register

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SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY



# OCTOBER H/T HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS 2024



### **Avenue TC - Burnham on Sea**

Monday 28th - Tuesday 29th October (2 Days)

9.30 - 12.30pm (4 - 9 years)

1.30 - 4.30pm (10 - 16 Years)

### **Bridgwater TC**

Thursday 31st October (1 Day)

1.30 - 4.30pm (4 - 12 years)

### **Lympsham TC**

Thursday 31st October - Friday 1st November (2 Days)

9.30 - 12.30pm (4 - 12 years)

Online booking and payment available at

**[www.tennis-extreme.com](http://www.tennis-extreme.com)**

(Book Full Camp or individual Days)

For further details about the Camps please contact Tim Seymour  
on 07887 723554 or e-mail [tennisextremeuk@gmail.com](mailto:tennisextremeuk@gmail.com)



# October Half Term Inspired Camps



**28TH OCTOBER- 1ST NOVEMBER**

- **BASC,**
- **Stoddens Road**
- **9am - 3pm**
- **Multi-sports**



- 🏆 Medals for all
- 🏆 Presentation ceremony on the final day



**£20** Per day

**10%** Whole week discount

**15%** Sibling discount

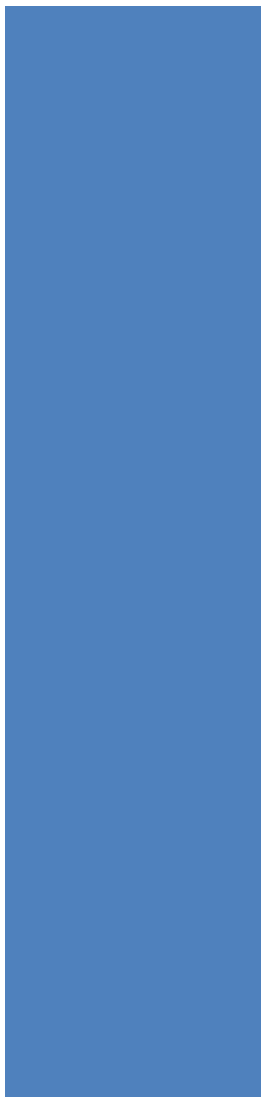


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<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com/>  
to register and book



Term Dates for 2024-25

Please see below our term dates for 2024-25 including our school INSET days.

September 2024					October 2024					November 2024						
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25	
Tu	3	10	17	24	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25	W	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27	
Th	5	12	19	26	Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th	7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27	F	4	11	18	25	F	1	8	15	22	29	
Sa	7	14	21	28	Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	6	13	20	27	Su	3	10	17	24	
December 2024					January 2025					February 2025						
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	
Tu	3	10	17	24	31	Tu	7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25	
W	4	11	18	25	W	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26	
Th	5	12	19	26	Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27	
F	6	13	20	27	F	3	10	17	24	31	F	7	14	21	28	
Sa	7	14	21	28	Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22		
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	
March 2025					April 2025					May 2025						
M	3	10	17	24	31	M	7	14	21	28	M	5	12	19	26	
Tu	4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	6	13	20	27	
W	5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	W	7	14	21	28	
Th	6	13	20	27	Th	3	10	17	24	Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F	7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25	F	2	9	16	23	30	
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	3	10	17	24	31
Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27	Su	4	11	18	25	
June 2025					July 2025					August 2025						
M	2	9	16	23	30	M	7	14	21	28	M	4	11	18	25	
Tu	3	10	17	24	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu	5	12	19	26	
W	4	11	18	25	W	2	9	16	23	30	W	6	13	20	27	
Th	5	12	19	26	Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th	7	14	21	28	
F	6	13	20	27	F	4	11	18	25	F	1	8	15	22	29	
Sa	7	14	21	28	Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	2	9	16	23	30	
Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	6	13	20	27	Su	3	10	17	24	31

**Key:**

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**Term Date Summary**

Term 1: 2 September 2024 – 18 October 2024
Term 2: 4 November 2024 – 20 December 2024
Term 3: 6 January 2025 – 14 February 2025
Term 4: 24 February 2025 – 4 April 2025
Term 5: 22 April 2025 – 23 May 2025
Term 6: 2 June 2025 – 22 July 2025

**Bank Holidays and public Holiday 2024-2025**

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2024	Easter Monday	21 April 2025
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2024	May Day Bank Holiday	5 May 2025
New Year's Day Holiday	1 January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

### Key Dates: Autumn Term

Date	Activity	Details
<b>Monday 2nd September</b>	Staff Training	School closed for staff training
<b>Tuesday 3rd September</b>	Staff Training	School closed for staff training
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	First day of Autumn Term	Welcome Back
<b>Monday 9th September</b>	'Meet the Teacher' week.	Parents and carers have the opportunity to visit their child(ren)'s new teachers and classrooms and to find out what the children are learning about and what life is like in their new classroom.
<b>Monday 9th September</b> <b>3.15 -3.45pm</b>	Year 3 Meet the Teacher	
<b>Tuesday 10th September</b> <b>3.15 -3.45pm</b>	Year 4 Meet the Teacher	

<b>Wednesday 11th September</b> <b>3.15 -3.45pm</b>	Year 5 Meet the Teacher	
<b>Thursday 12th September</b> <b>3.15 -3.45pm</b>	Year 6 Meet the Teacher	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Dahlicious Dress Up Day	This year's Dahlicious Dress Up Day takes place on 13th September. Our school will be celebrating it on 20 <sup>th</sup> September. Schools and workplaces across the UK will be brimming with Oompa-Loompas, Twits and Matildas in aid of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Harvest Festival	A celebration of the food grown on the land - we celebrate this day by singing, praying and collecting fruit and food in a festival known as 'Harvest Festival',
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Individual School Photos – Tempest - TBC	All children and siblings in school have individual school photos by Tempest.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>End of Autumn term 1</b> <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last day of Autumn term 1	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Staff Training	School closed for staff training
<b>Monday 21st October -Friday 1st November</b>	Half term	Enjoy your break!
<b>Autumn Term 2 Starts</b> <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	First day of Autumn term 2 School Starts	Start 2nd Half of Autumn Term
<b>Wednesday 13th November</b> <b>3.15—6.30pm</b>	Parents' Evening	Lists of appointments will be available for you to sign up to during w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> November. Appointments are for ten minutes and we would encourage you to not bring your child to the appointment.
<b>Thursday 14th November</b> <b>3.15—6.30pm</b>		
<b>Friday 15th November</b>	Children in Need	Letter and details provided nearer the time
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St Andrews Day	On this day we recognise the

		Patron Saint of our school
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day	Children take part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. A suggested £1 donation and the chance to feel festive wearing your Christmas jumper to school.
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	Whole School Christmas Lunch -	All children have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	School Carol Service	We will be having our carol service in St Andrews's Church. Everyone is welcome. Also, we will be awarding the Headteacher's Commendations.
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	End of Autumn Term 2	School Breaks up for Christmas Holiday